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SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT/LICENSED PRODUCTION OF US WEAPON SYSTEMS BY JAPAN

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1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF WEAPON SYSTEMS THAT COULD BE PROCURED FROM US OR LICENSE-PRODUCED BY JAPAN, DIVIDED INTO IMMEDIATE OR NEAR-TERM CANDIDATES AND SYSTEMS CONSIDERED FOR LONGER RANGE PLANNING.

2. COLUMN (1) SHOWS THE US SYSTEM WHICH WOULD BEST MEET THE GOJ REQUIREMENT; COLUMN (2) SHOWS THE WEAPON SYSTEMS WHICH ARE UNDER DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT, IN THE DESIGN STAGE AND PLANNED FOR DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT, OR CONCEPTS SIMILAR TO OUR SYSTEMS WHICH ARE RECEIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

3. FOR THOSE SYSTEMS LISTED, IT CAN BE PRESUMED THAT A LICENSED PRODUCTION PROGRAM OR DIRECT PROCUREMENT FROM US
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SOURCES IS JAPAN'S LEAST COSTLY OPTION. FURTHER, US SYSTEMS "ACROSS THE BOARD" ARE KNOWN OR CONSIDERED TO BE SUPERIOR IN PERFORMANCE AND TECHNOLOGICALLY MORE ADVANCED THAN JAPANESE ALTERNATIVES. ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY (A) ARE THOSE CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT FOR JAPAN TO ADOPT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF COMPLEMENTARITY AND DEFENSE NEEDS.

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PART I: IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

US SYSTEM	DOMESTIC	STATUS/REMARKS
- (ARMY)		
IMPROVED CHAPARRAL (A) (SHORT-RANGE SAM AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM)	TANSAM	CHAPARRAL IS PRESENTLY NOT RELEASABLE. JAPAN MIGHT DROP TANSAM IF CHAPARRAL WERE RELEASED FOR LICENSED PRODUCTION.
DIVADS (RADAR-DIRECTED 35 OR 40MM AD GUN FOR DIVISION)	MECHANIZED L-90	JAPAN APPEARS COMMITTED TO L-90 (SWISS) AND COULD HAVE IT IN PRODUC-TION WITHIN 3-5 YEARS.
GROUND TOW/ HELLFIRE (ANTI-TANK MISSILE)	HEAVY MAT	MAT IS LESS EFFECTIVE, BUT JAPAN APPEARS COMMIT-TED TO DOMESTIC SYSTEM. GSDF EXPECTS TO BUY - COBRA ATTACK HELO ARMED - WITH TOW, IN QUANTITY IN - EARLY 80'S.
HELICOPTERS	CURRENT MODELS ARE IN	

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UTTAS/CH-47	107	PRODUCTION, BUT NEW US SYSTEMS ARE VIABLE - REPLACEMENTS.
- (NAVY)		
LM 2500 (GAS TURBINE ENGINE FOR SHIPS)	ENGLISH ROLLS ROYCE OLYMPUS & TYNE	BRITISH SYSTEM SELECTED FOR JFY 77 DD&DE. LM 2500 COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE DD'S & DE'S.
AN/SPS-52C (A) 3D RADAR	NEC OPS-12	DOMESTIC SYSTEM IN DEVELOPMENT WITH FIRST - SEA TRIAL PLANNED FOR - 1979. 52C STILL VERY - MUCH IN CONTENTION.
AN/SQS-56 (A) (SURFACE SHIP SONAR)	DOMESTIC	DOMESTIC SYSTEM IN FINAL DEVELOPMENT FOR USE ON JFY 77 DD. - STRONG USN SUPPORT WOULD - IMPROVE SQS-56 CHANCES.

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MK-46 TORPEDOS (A) MITSUBISHI IN DEVELOPMENT WITH PRO-
(AIR/SURFACE MK-73 DUCTION DECISION EXPECT-
LAUNCH) ED SOON. MK-46 HAS AP-
- PLICATION FOR P3C AND
- COULD BE ACQUIRED SOONER.
HARPOON (A) ASM IN DEVELOPMENT. PRODUC-
(AIR LAUNCH) (AIR TO TION, DECISION EXPECTED
(ANTI-SURFACE SURFACE JFY 79-80. JAPAN'S P3C
SHIP MISSILE) MISSILE WILL HAVE ALL PROVISIONS

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- FOR HARPOON.

TACTAS NONE AN/SQR-18 (TACTAS) NOT
(TACTICAL TOWED RELEASABLE TO JAPAN.
ARRAY SONAR) USN WILLING TO ASSIST
- JAPAN IN DEVELOPING
- SIMILAR SYSTEM. RELEASE
- WOULD PRACTICALLY ASSURE
- PROCUREMENT.

PHOENIX NONE JAPAN MSDF INTERESTED.
(AIR TO AIR P&B REQUESTED AS PART
MISSILE) OF JFY 79 DDG.

- (AIR FORCE)

AIM-9L R&D EFFORT AIM-9L RELEASED FOR SALE.
(AIR INTERCEPT SINCE JAPAN WILL PROCURE

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MISSILE) FOR F-15, INDUSTRY
- INTERESTED IN LICENSED
- PRODUCTION.

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FLIGHT TRAINER TX ENGINE R&D FUNDED FOR
(REPLACEMENT FOR JFY 78. ROCKWELL T-2
T-33) MARGINAL CONTENDER.

TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TRANSPORT X IN PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR
- FOLLOW-ON TO C-1.
- USAF YC-14/15 COULD BE
- STRONG CONTENDER.

F-16/F-18 (A) FXX INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD
(ADVANCED FIGHTER) DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT AND
- PRODUCTION. COST TRADE-
- OFF SHOULD MAKE US SYS-
- TEMS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE.

ECM R&D EFFORT JAPAN IS INTERESTED. US
(ALQ 119/135) (A) SYSTEMS ARE HIGHLY
(AIRBORNE ELECTRONIC ADVANCED AND WOULD EN-
COUNTERMEASURE) HANCE STANDARDIZATION.

MAVERICK R&D EFFORT JAPAN'S ASM IS BEING
(AIR-SURFACE FLIGHT-TESTED. AGM-69
MISSILE) NOT CONSIDERED A SERIOUS
- CONTENDER, ALTHOUGH
- MORE EFFECTIVE.

RF-4 /RF-15 STUDY EFFORT JASDF NEEDS AN ADDITION-
- AL RF SQUADRON.
- DOMESTIC A/C CANNOT BE
- MODIFIED FOR THIS
- PURPOSE.

GROUND AIR BADGE-X JAPAN'S ENTIRE SYSTEM
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DEFENSE RADAR PLANNED FOR UPDATE
SYSTEM (A) DURING 80'S. EXCELLENT
- CANDIDATE FOR US-
- PRODUCED HARDWARE.

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PART II: FUTURE CONSIDERATION

PATRIOT (A) (SAM SYSTEM REPLACING HAWK/ NIKE HERCULES)	IMPROVED HAWK/NIKE-J	JAPAN EXPECTED TO BUY PATRIOT. PROBABLE DECISION THIS YEAR.
STINGER (A) (MAN-HELD AIR DEFENSE MISSILE)	NONE	JAPAN HAS SHOWN SOME INTEREST IN STINGER, BUT DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES.
COPPERHEAD (A) (155MM ARTILLERY LASER-GUIDED PROJECTILE)	R&D EFFORT	JAPAN INTERESTED, BUT SYSTEM NOT YET RELEASED.
NEW TANK SYSTEMS - 120MM GUN - AGT-1500 - TURBINE ENGINE	R&D EFFORT	JAPAN EXPECTED TO BUY ONE AGT-1500 FOR TESTING. 120MM SMOOTH BORE GUN WILL BE DOMESTIC VERSION, NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT, UNLESS US/ FRG GUN IS MADE AVAILABLE.
MOBILE UNDERWATER	UNDER STUDY	JAPAN INTERESTED FOR USE

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RANGE IN SUPPORT OF TORPEDO
- DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUA-
- TION. PRIORITY BELIEVED
- VERY LOW.

AEGIS NONE FOLLOW-ON TO TARTAR,
(NAVY SHIPBOARD VIABLE ONLY IF JAPAN
AIR DEFENSE BUILDS A LARGER
SYSTEM) PLATFORM.

VTOL AIRCRAFT FUTURE STUDY VIABLE ONLY IF JAPAN
(VERTICAL TAKE- BUILDS LARGER SHIPS.
OFF AND LANDING) (CARRIER TYPE)

P3C (UPDATE III) (A) PRESENTLY NOT RELEAS-
(AIRBORNE ANTI- ABLE. COULD BE APPLIC-
SUBMARINE WARFARE ABLE TO PLANNED PROCURE-
SYSTEM) MENT OF ADDITIONAL 45
- P3C'S.

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ASW HELO (A) HSS-2B LAMPS MK-111 PRESENTLY
(ANTI-SUBMARINE NOT RELEASABLE. POSSI-
WARFARE HELI- BLE FUTURE APPLICATION
COPTER) FOR JAPAN.
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